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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Yoshihiro NAKAMURA et al. :  
Serial No.: New - US National Phase of :  
PCT/JP2004/013548 :  
Filed: September 9, 2004 :  
For: METERING APPARATUS, :  
COMBINATION METERING :  
APPARATUS WITH THE METERING :  
APPARATUS, AND METERING :  
METHOD :  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22215

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the aforementioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.